GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1658
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2001
PENDING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS
MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of pending applications in Patna Passport Office has increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) As on 16-11-2001, only 40 passport applications were pending with the Patna Passport Office where police verification report is clear and all the other documents are complete.

(c) The delay in processing of passport applications is mainly due to non-receipt of clear police verification reports. The Passport Officer is in touch with the State Police Authorities for expediting police verification reports.